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I am writing to express our concern about the importation of drugs into the United States from other countries, including Canada.

The cost of medical services, including the cost of pharmaceuticals, is of concern to all of us. While we applaud efforts at cost containment, those efforts must take into consideration the safety of the product used by the health care consumer. Consumers of medical care in the United States have become comfortable with the knowledge that our government insists on the highest of standards for the products necessary for their health care. It remains uncertain whether any other country has the ability to insure such quality in the products available in their countries, or is willing to establish and maintain the infrastructure necessary to do so.

While the purchase of drugs at lower cost from other countries is enticing, it is impossible to guarantee that those products will meet the safety and quality standards that our citizens have the right to expect. Our citizens deserve the highest quality products in their pursuit of remedies for their health problems.